



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 1955-MC-FFS-D

**DATE:** September 28, 2018

**TO:** All Iowa Medicaid Providers

**APPLIES TO:** Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS), Dental (D)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Retroactive Medicaid Coverage

**EFFECTIVE:** July 1, 2018

### **Reinstatement of Retroactive Coverage for Individuals Residing in a Nursing Facility at Application**

In 2017, consistent with the state fiscal year (SFY) 2018/19 Human Services appropriations bill (House File 653), DHS requested to eliminate retroactive benefits for all Iowa Medicaid eligibility groups that were previously eligible to receive up to three months of retroactive coverage. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved this request, with an exception for pregnant women and during the 60-day period beginning on the last day of the pregnancy and infants under one year of age, who continue to receive the 3-month retroactive eligibility period.

Today, in accordance with Senate File 2418 passed by the Iowa Legislature during the 2018 session, DHS is revising its policy and will reinstate a 3-month retroactive Medicaid coverage benefit for applicants who are residents of a nursing facility at the time of application and are otherwise Medicaid-eligible.

This revised policy is effective for new Medicaid applications filed on or after July 1, 2018. System changes in alignment with this policy revision will be made effective October 1, 2018. Providers who are assisting applicants impacted by this policy change with applications filed between July 1, 2018, and the effective date of the system changes should have the applicant, the applicant's Power of Attorney (POA), or the applicant's authorized representative contact the Centralized Facility Eligibility Unit (CFEU) to request that retroactive eligibility be determined for the application previously submitted during the effected time frame. The request can be made by phone, email, or mail to CFEU:

Phone: 1-877-344-9628  
Email: [facilities@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:facilities@dhs.state.ia.us)  
Mail: CFEU  
Imaging Center #1  
417 E. Kanesville Blvd.  
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If you have questions, please contact the Iowa Medicaid Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, Monday - Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by email at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).